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REFERENCE: USCINCEUR'S EC 9-1106 AND BERLIN'S 651 RPTD DEPT 726, PARIS FOR USCINCEUR 167, USAREUR 213.

1. ASSUME FROM DEPTTEL 1865 THAT AS SOON AS BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS, THROUGH THEIR AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON, HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH DEPT ON TEXT, DEPT WILL NOTIFY US.

2. MEANWHILE US AUTHORITIES BERLIN, AS REQUESTED EMBTEL 596 TO BERLIN (RPTD DEPT 1798, USAREUR 440, PARIS FOR USCINCEUR 602) HAVE BEEN WORKING OUT SUGGESTIONS FOR CLEARLY IDENTIFYING MILITARY TRAINS, CONVOYS, ETC. CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH WOULD BE NEXT STEP.

3. REGARDING BERLIN'S 651, I AGREE BERLIN MOST PRACTICABLE PLAN FOR SUCH CONSULTATION SINCE POLITICAL AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES THREE NATIONAL ELEMENTS AVAILABLE THERE AND THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR ALL DETAILS. THEREFORE WOULD SUGGEST INSTRUCTIONS NUMBERED PARA 2 DEPTTEL 1865 BE CHANGED TO ALLOW DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH AT BERLIN INSTEAD OF BONN. IT PROBABLE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT CAN, AS IN PAST, BE REACHED AT WORKING LEVEL, IN WHICH CASE THERE WOULD BE NO NECESSITY FOR GENERAL PALMER AND MYSELF PARTICIPATING.

4. CONCERNING THIRD AND FOURTH PARAS BERLIN'S 651: I AGREE DESIRABILITY HOLDING TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS SOONEST, BUT SUGGEST DEPT MIGHT PREFER, BEFORE SUCH DISCUSSIONS INITIATED, RECEIVE

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PRECISE INDICATION OF TYPE AND FORM IDENTIFICATION BERLIN PROPOSES  
AS RESULT CURRENT US STUDY, SO THAT AMERICAN POSITION CLEARLY  
UNDERSTOOD AND APPROVED BEFORE BRITISH AND FRENCH APPROACHED.

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